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Brandis Airfield

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1. The following observations were made at Brandis airfield between 19 October and 8 November 1952:

19 and 20 October: There was no air activity.

21 October. Between 12:35 and 2 p.m., individual local flights were made by Li-2s in good weather.

22 October. The noise of engines was heard from the engine test stand in rainy weather.

23 October. Two Li-2s were towed to the take-off point but did not take off. It rained, and the visibility was limited to about 3 km.

25 October. At 2:30 p.m., an Li-2 circled once over the field. There was no air activity.

26 October. No flights were made although the weather was favorable.

27 October. At noon, two Li-2s with red markings circled once over the field.

28 October. A total of three Li-2s circled over the field at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. There was intensive local flying by MiG-15 and IL-28 planes at day and night.

29 October. At 10 a.m., a single-engine fighter landed at the field. At noon, an Li-2 with the No 1 made a local flight.

30 October. At 10 a.m., a single-engine fighter circled once over the field. There was a 9/10 overcast and good visibility.

31 October. Between 9 and 10 a.m., the single-engine fighter flew over the field at an altitude of from 300 to 500 meters. At the same time, MiG-15s crossed the field.

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1 to 8 November. There was no air activity. The weather was mostly unfavorable.¹

2. An estimated 800 to 1,000 air men were stationed at the field. This number was confirmed by a German worker employed at the field. The [redacted] two colonels, one the commanding officer of the air unit and the other one the commanding officer of the ground personnel, were at the field.
3. [redacted] the about 30 Li-2s stationed at the field had [redacted] various colors on their propeller hubs and the corresponding colors on their rudder assemblies. Planes [redacted] had red propeller hubs and red rudder assemblies, planes [redacted] had yellow markings, and planes [redacted] had blue-gray markings. From these observations, it was inferred that the planes with [redacted] had red markings, planes [redacted] had yellow markings, and planes [redacted] had blue-gray markings. All the Li-2s had a gray camouflage color except two which were painted a bright green. Red boxes, each 1 meter high, probably containing fire extinguishers, were observed at the dispersal areas, one box belonging to two planes.²
4. Between 4 and 10 October, 30 men continuously worked on the board fence. On the western edge of the landing field, the fence was completed as far as a point in line with the runway. The poles were set up as far as the middle of the southern edge of the landing field. The fence was about 2 meters high and completely boarded up. The number of laborers working on the fence was reduced to about 20 between 19 and 25 October and to about 10 until 8 November. The fence was completed almost as far as the Luelitzer Strasse on the southern edge of the field.
5. In about the middle of the southern edge of the landing field there was a pole, about 2 meters high, with a black box, probably a telephone. The telephone was probably located there for the patrols in this area.
6. At 5 p.m. on 25 October, two tank cars were observed east of Hangar No 4. On 30 October, one tank was towed to the hangar.
7. In early November, source learned that all the German personnel, except four men, were dismissed at the field.³
8. [redacted]
1. [redacted] Comment. Brandis airfield is occupied by an air transport regiment of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army. It appears that this regiment conducts little air activity at present. The MiG-15s which were observed flying over the field, probably belong to the fighter regiments in Altenburg and Merseburg.
2. [redacted] Comment. It was previously believed that the air transport regiment is equipped with about 30 Li-2s. The various color markings on the propeller hubs may distinguish the individual squadrons.
3. [redacted] Comment. It was also reported from other airfields that German workers except a small number, possibly 4 to 6 persons, were dismissed.

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